

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 10-16 are pending in the application, with Claims 1-9 and 17-25 cancelled by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-4, 8-9, 17-20 and 24-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Giroux et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,317,416 B1) in view of Chin et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,314,110 B1); and Claims 10-16 were indicated as allowed.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of the allowable subject matter.

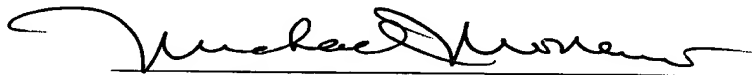
Claims 1-9 and 17-25 are cancelled so that Claims 16-20 may pass to issue.

Applicants reserve the right to file one or more continuation applications directed to Claims 1-9 and 17-25.

Accordingly, in view of the present amendment and in light of the previous discussion, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request an early and favorable action to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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